AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Please add claims 12-17.

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A riding mower comprising:

an engine [[4]] arranged on a body;

a set of front wheels [[2]] and a set of rear wheels [[3]] supported on the body and provided on a right and a left, each in pairs toward ~~the~~a forward direction;

a pair of hydrostatic transmissions (HSTs) ~~24 and 24~~ driven by receiving revolution power of the engine [[4]], for rotating the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ in ~~the~~a forward rotation direction or a reverse rotation direction;

a mower ~~43~~ positioned in front of the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ and coupled to the body so as to be capable of being lifted up and down;

a step ~~67~~ provided above the body;

a brake pedal ~~69~~ for braking the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~, provided upward of the step ~~67~~; and

a parking operation member ~~78~~ for maintaining a step-on condition of the brake pedal ~~69~~.

2. (currently amended) The riding mower as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:

a pair of mower elevating links ~~51 and 51~~ for coupling between the body and mower ~~43~~;

a lift shaft ~~53~~ for rotating the pair of elevating links ~~51 and 51~~, respectively, provided in ~~the~~a right and left direction at a side connecting portion to the body in the pair of elevating links ~~51 and 51~~;

a hydraulic cylinder ~~52~~ for elevating the mower ~~43~~ by rotating the lift shaft ~~53~~; and

a rotating shaft ~~69b~~ of the brake pedal ~~69~~ provided concentrically with the lift shaft ~~53~~.

3. (currently amended) A riding mower comprising:

an engine [[4]] arranged on a body;

a pair of front wheels [[2]] and a pair of rear wheels [[3]] supported on the body and provided right and left each in pairs toward ~~the~~ a forward direction;

a pair of hydrostatic transmissions (HSTs) ~~24 and 24~~ driven by receiving revolution power of the engine [[4]], for rotating the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ in ~~the~~ a forward rotation direction or a reverse rotation direction, provided with a pair of variable capacity pumps ~~25 and 25~~ and a pair of hydraulic motors ~~27 and 27~~;

a mower ~~43~~ positioned in front of the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ and coupled to the body so as to be capable of being lifted up and down; and

a PTO shaft ~~42~~, on which the pair of variable capacity pumps ~~25 and 25~~ are provided front and back in a row, for driving the mower ~~43~~ provided in parallel with these variable capacity pumps ~~25 and 25~~.

4. (currently amended) A riding mower comprising:

an engine [[4]] arranged on a body;

a pair of front wheels [[2]] and a pair of rear wheels [[3]] supported on the body and provided on a right and left ~~each in pairs~~ toward ~~the~~ a forward direction;

a pair of hydrostatic transmissions (HSTs) ~~24 and 24~~ driven by receiving revolution power of the engine [[4]], for rotating the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ in ~~the~~ a forward rotation direction or a reverse rotation direction, provided with a pair of variable capacity pumps ~~25 and 25~~ and a pair of hydraulic motors ~~27 and 27~~;

a mower ~~43~~ positioned in front of the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ and coupled to the body so as to be capable of being lifted up and down;

~~the~~a PTO shaft ~~42~~ for driving the mower ~~43~~ provided in a manner one-sided to the right or left with respect to a centerline S ~~that is in~~ positioned along the right and left direction in terms of the forward direction; and

wherein the pair of variable capacity pumps are ~~25 and 25~~ provided on the side opposite the PTO shaft ~~42~~ with respect to the centerline S in the right and left direction.

5. (currently amended) A riding mower comprising:

an engine [[4]] arranged on a body;

front wheels [[2]] and rear wheels [[3]] supported on the body and provided on a right and left, each in pairs, toward ~~the~~ a forward direction;

a pair of hydrostatic transmissions (HSTs) ~~24 and 24~~ driven by receiving revolution power of the engine [[4]], for rotating the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ in ~~the~~ a forward rotation direction or a reverse rotation direction;

a mower ~~43~~ positioned in front of the pair of rear wheels ~~3 and 3~~ and coupled to the body so as to be capable of being lifted up and down;

a pair of mower elevating links ~~51 and 51~~ for coupling between the body and mower ~~43~~;

a rotary adjuster ~~190~~ for adjusting a lowering position of the mower ~~43~~ by adjusting, in stages, a rotating range of the pair of link arms ~~51 and 51~~ provided on the body;

an operator's seat ~~28~~ provided on said body;

a dial-type mowing height setter ~~175a~~ provided in the vicinity of the operator's seat ~~28~~; and

a mechanical interlocking member ~~175c~~ mechanically interlocking and coupling the mowing height setter ~~175a~~ with the rotary adjuster ~~190~~